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THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST

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"One thing is needful: and Mary hath chosen that good part, which shall not be taken away from her." Luke 10:42

"Better an hour spent in prayer,
Than feasting on a royal fare."

Editorially Speaking

A HUMBLING HONOR

At the annual meeting the decision of the Council of Ten to employ me as regular editor was ratified by the association. We feel that it is a great honor, and feel pleased to think that our brethren believe we are worthy of the position. Yet, when we consider the responsibility of rightly interpreting the faith and purposes of the association, we feel humbled and much in need of divine aid.

It is strange how God works his purposes out. Soon after we came to Ohio, Brother H. K. Finley asked us to consider becoming a contributing editor, so that we might be trained to take over, if later he should retire. We thanked him, but assured him that our experience in West Virginia had acquainted us with the work involved, and the criticisms that sometimes come, and that therefore he better find some one else. Soon after his tragic death last winter, the Council of Ten asked us to serve for May, June and July and hinted that I might possibly be asked to serve permanently later on. I was willing to help out, but made it plain that I thought a full time missionary should be secured, and that I was not the man for that job. In June I consented to relieve Brother William Green, who had been asked to edit the paper during August, September and October; but that was supposed to be the limit. Not that we did not like the job, for we have loved writing since high school days; but we did not see how we could resign our church and live on an editor's salary.

Then the Lord began to work by opening and closing doors. In fact, for some six months there had been so few conversions in Fostoria, that we could see Him closing our pastorate there after more than seven years. We prayed for the Lord to keep us in the pastorate by opening some other door, but all doors were kept shut. The Council of Ten kept looking for a state missionary, but all doors were shut for them in that search. August came and they wondered if that meant they had their man already. But how could I? A man has to provide for his own—or let his wife do it!

Then the Lord opened the door without previous warning from us,



Editor R. T. Nordlund and wife

and lo, and behold, it was by way of the wife. The Rising Sun school, just seven miles from Fostoria, phoned and wrote and begged, all in one last week of August, for school was opening in five more days and there was not a teacher in sight for Latin, some English, history, and geography. Would she please consider? We have not been raised on the modern idea that the wife should make the living, but this time it seemed as if the Lord was making it possible to come to the association's rescue and do a job for Him. It means much hard work for Mrs. Nordlund, and for that reason we print her picture along with ours, for this is a partnership business. Half of the honor belongs to her. In fact, without her, this preacher would never have been considered, for he would have failed in the ministry years ago! So honor to whom honor is due, not only to Mrs. Nordlund, but to all preacher's wives. They are a self-sacrificing army of supporting troops, without which the frontline soldiers would waver and fail.



A CONTACT MAN FOR NEW CHURCHES

That is the second half of our title, and some of the reason why the association thought it worthwhile to promise a salary of \$100 a month, plus six cents a mile for travelling expenses. While they do not expect the editor to be a full time state missionary or to open up new churches himself, they do hope he can do a liaison work between needy communities and willing but pastorless ministers. The Conservative Baptists of Michigan are starting one new church a month. They do not expect their state missionary to do all of that, for a missionary can scarcely get a new church going in less than a year, and it often takes him two or three. Rather, the CBA pastors in Michigan are quick to buy up opportunities to start Sunday schools and preaching stations, and Dr. Hein often helps them to find a minister to go in there and get a new church going.

If our Conservative brethren can do it, we can also. If Michigan offers many promising fields, so does Ohio. It may take a couple years for us to get on to the ropes and produce twelve new churches a year; but we have already been starting three or four a year without any state worker, and we ought to do better in the future.

It is evident that we will need the cooperation of all our churches and pastors. They can be like Hobab, eyes for us, as we go spying for the Lord. They can invite us in to speak, and show us fields, and recommend workers. They can put the Association on their budget, so as to supply the sinews of war! They can help us double the subscription list to the OIB and so make it a greater power for the Lord.

We accept the added responsibility with joy, because home missions has long been on our heart. We expect to work hand in hand with the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions, on whose board we have long had the honor to sit. Yet we cannot expect that mission to do the whole job. Sometimes a nearby local church can assume all the responsibility. Sometimes a man is willing and able, like Paul, to work at some trade and help get a church started too. Even the Apostle Paul recognized

that it was not the ideal way, for "he that preaches the Gospel should live of the Gospel;" but we honor men who are willing to do the work of two in order to get a church started.

Our Association covers approximately 50,000 square miles. It is going to take considerable traveling to get acquainted with the churches now in the fellowship and with promising fields for expansion. It would be a waste of mileage for the editor to start out ex-

ploring on his own. That is why we need invitations from the churches to come, not only to preach, but to sit down with the pastors and interested laymen and see what can be done. Already we have one invitation for Nov. 10th as we write this, and we hope others will come in. Such a ministry will help the magazine also, for we hope to give a monthly report of what we have done and seen. It should make interesting reading.

THANK GOD

Thank God, the Bible stands today
A bulwark naught can overthrow;
The godless dash like helpless spray
Against its truth, but only show
Their folly and incompleteness.

Thank God, the Christian Church
survives,
Reviving just when creeping death
Had almost numbed its lips! It
thrives
Anew with Reformation breath,
And proves its chartered per-
manence!

In the above poem we give our main reasons for Thanksgiving. And we believe they were the main reasons why the Pilgrims instituted the day in 1621. We cannot believe they walked by the graveyard where more than half of their loved ones lay in graves less than a year old, to set tables and rejoice mainly in a good harvest. If they were thankful for coming to America, it was because they prized religious freedom and hoped to build a Christian commonwealth in the wilderness. They were more thankful for the empires of faith that hung like maps in their minds, than for the few square miles they had cleared in the forest.

Of course they were thankful for a bountiful harvest, with the gratitude of those who had stared starvation in the face. The trouble with us is that we can scarcely imagine that save for the blessings of God we would starve to death! We take bread for granted and want cake and ice cream. We take clothing and shelter for granted and want mink coats and homes like the building trade magazines picture for us. Because we cannot quite keep up with the movie stars in splendor, we murmur in the midst of plenty. May God have mercy on the spoiled and discontented descendants of the Pilgrims!

Thank God for Christ and saving
Grace,
Just when all modern nostrums
fail.
Broken, we Godward turn our face
And seek the cure that will avail
In spite of sin's great virulence.

For wealth let others offer praise,
For thy munificence;
Or for their health thanksgivings
raise
And own Thy providence;
But we would thank Thee all our
days
For Christ's pre-eminence!

Well, thank God, we are not all like that, at least in our better moments. When we take Sunday out to think, we are thankful for Christ and the Bible and the Church. We are thankful enough to give largely to feed the hungry and to spread the Gospel. A few among us are so thankful that they gladly leave the comforts of America to share the blessings of Christ with those that have never heard. They believe that the last half of "Thanksgiving" is the most important. They are thankful enough to give.

WAYS

L. W. Beckley

Man has a way, and ways, he
thinks
Will lead him to God at last.
Blind to God's truth, ere long he
sinks
Beneath stern judgment's blast.

God has a Way,—'tis His own Son,
Given to bleed and to die
On Calvary, that the trusting one
May live with Him on high.

Man's ways wind round through
mist and maze
And dark, with no home in sight,
God's Way leads on to that sure
place
Where He Himself is the Light.

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KEYNOTE SERMON AT OUR ANNUAL MEETING

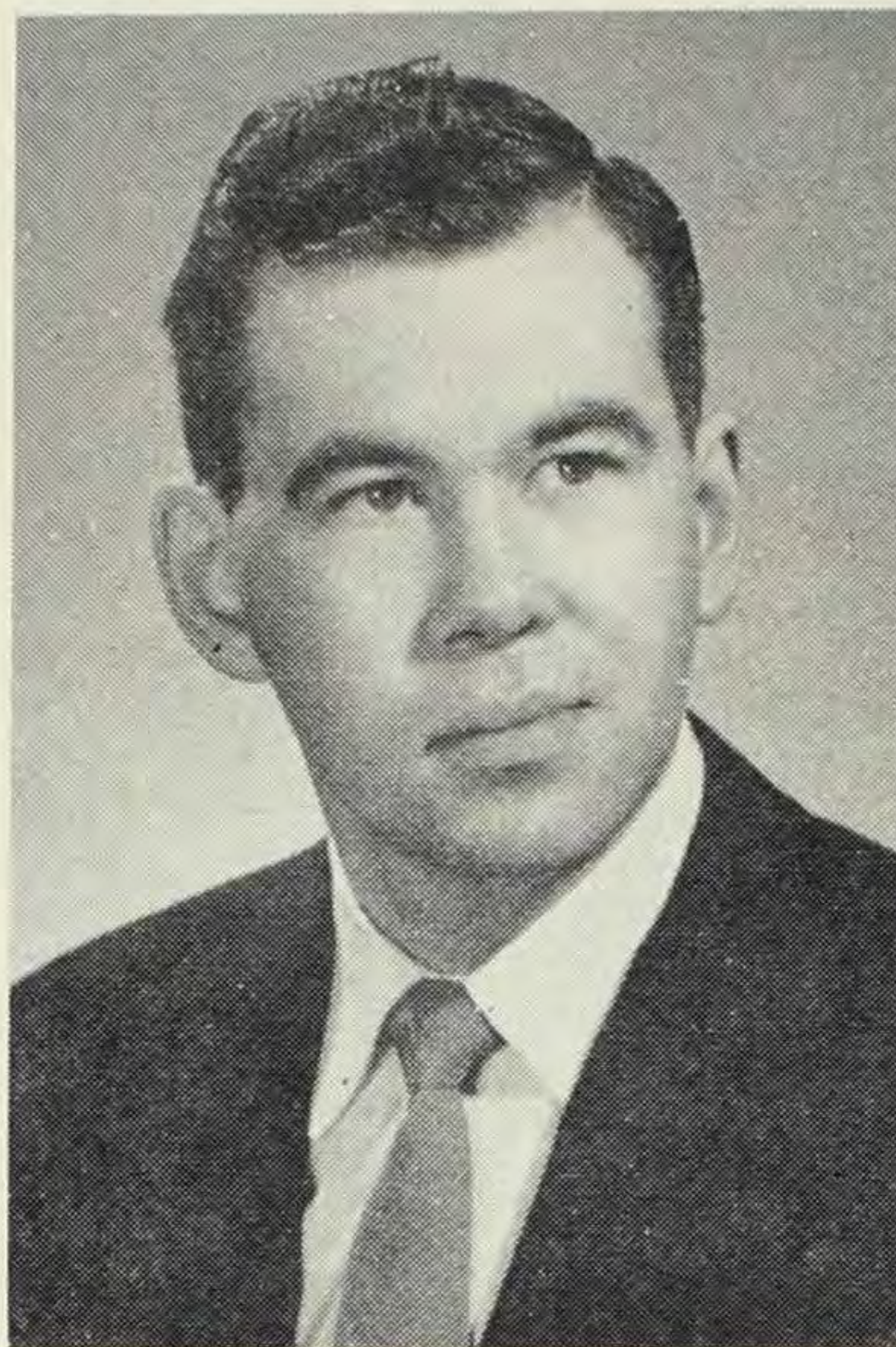
By REV. ROY J. CLARK, pastor Bethlehem Baptist Church, Cleveland, Ohio

THE CALL FOR CONSECRATION

When I received the kind invitation to speak on this opening night of our Annual Meeting, as Hezekiah did in Old Testament times, I "spread the matter before the Lord." He said to me, Repeat the Apostle Paul's call for consecration in Romans 12:1-2. I trust that the Holy Spirit may be the Keynoter tonight. We need consecrated Christians who have answered the Apostle's request for dedication with a firm and resounding 'yes.' Why is it that there is such a massive confusion between the Church and the world? Why is it that while church membership increases there is a corresponding growth in crime and delinquency? Why is it that the term "Christian" has lost all of its scriptural meaning, until it has become synonymous with someone who believes in Democracy? What is the answer? We need Christians who will live a holy life. Everything in Christianity is gray and hazy instead of black and white. Piety is an unknown virtue that we reserve for the Puritans of the 17th century. The great need is for our conduct to measure up to our calling, for practice to correspond to our position, and for duty to coincide with doctrine. Consecration on the part of believers will bring everything back into focus and restore the biblical importance and meaning to the Church and to the word Christian. We shall note four key thoughts in Romans 12:1-2 which outline for us the call for consecration.

I. The Sufficient Reason for a Consecrated Life

This may sound rather blunt, but you can never get a man to live a holy life unless you give him a sufficient reason and power to do so. Every week in our Cleveland newspapers there is a church ad which is worded somewhat as follows: "Come and worship with us. We are free from all religious dogma. We follow the ethical principles of all religions." Now that may sound good, but there's only one trouble and that is that it doesn't work. Doctrine is always the basis of duty, and creed always motivates to holy conduct. An executive who is successful always accompanies his requests for production with a proper incentive



Rev. Roy J. Clark

and a sufficient motive. In Romans 12:1 we have a tremendous request coming from the Apostle Paul, "Present your bodies a living sacrifice." There must be a sufficient request for doing so and there is. The reason stated by Paul is "by the mercies of God." Beloved, that is the only *sufficient* reason for a consecrated life. What is it that kept Judson in Burma, Taylor in China, Carey in India? What is it that took five men through the dark jungles of Ecuador to carry the Gospel to the Auca Indians only to lose their lives for His glory? What is it that compelled Paul to suffer stonings, beatings, even shipwreck, and still press on? It was the mercy of God.

God's mercy is mentioned in Romans 11:30-32 where the Apostle decides that "God hath concluded them all in unbelief, that He might have mercy upon all." But the mercy of God goes further back than chapter 11. It goes back to chapter 8. And there in that divine catalog of God's mercy such blessings as justification, the witness of the Holy Spirit, Adoption, Glorification, and Eternal Security are gathered up by the Apostle Paul. Yet the mercy of God extends further than chapter 8, until it gathers up the entire message of the book of Romans. Men are sinners—Christ died to save mankind, only believe and live. The

God of mercy and the mercy of God compel us to present our body to the Lord.

II. The Solemn Request for a Consecrated Life

In the request, "present your bodies a living sacrifice," we have all of the coloring and associations of the Jewish sacrifice. In fact, when Mary and Joseph brought Jesus to the temple, as recorded in Luke 2:22, to *present* him to the Lord, we have the very same word that appears in Romans 12:1. Yet although we may find similarities to the Old Testament sacrifices, we also find some differences. Please note with me the similarities.

Our sacrifice is to be holy and acceptable unto God. God was always looking for a holy sacrifice from Israel. It must be without blemish. And no matter what time in history the sacrifice appears, it must be without blemish. The lamb of the Old Testament, the Lamb of God in the New Testament, and now the believer in Christ are to be without spot or blemish and it must be a sacrifice acceptable or well-pleasing to God. The church at Philippi once sent a sacrificial gift to the Apostle Paul to aid him on his missionary journeys. When he mentioned the gift in the letter to the Philippians, he referred to it as "an odor of a sweet smell, a sacrifice acceptable, well-pleasing unto God." And there we have a lovely picture of their sacrificial gift as incense arising in its sweet fragrance to the nostrils of a holy God and pleasing Him. A yielded life exudes a sweet odor which is well-pleasing to God. There are some differences in this sacrifice and the Jewish offering, However.

For this request is calling for a *living* sacrifice which is our *reasonable* service. Jesus is looking for *lives*. Two eyes to see through, two feet to guide, two hands to use, and two lips to speak through. I Peter 2:5 speaks of Christians as lively or living stones. Christians are to be lively stones and living sacrifices, and the Jew knew nothing of that. All of his sacrifices were dead! And this is our reasonable or spiritual service. Whereas the Jewish emphasis was on the ceremony and the ritual, God reverses things here. He wants us.

Romans 6:13 says, "Yield *your-selves* unto God, and your members as instruments of righteousness." Here is a request not so much for a few hours of your time, or a tenth of your income, as it is for *you*.

III. The Successful Rule for a Consecrated Life

The rule is "Be not conformed to the world, but be ye transformed." Note that there is a negative and a positive rule.

Negative—Be not conformed to the world. And you may say, Why not? Shouldn't we keep up with the times and the age? I can think of three scriptural reasons why we should not be conformed to this world. The first one is in II Corinthians 4:4, where we discover that Satan is the god of this world. Satan is the prince of this world system and it is a system diametrically opposed to God and His gospel. Its philosophy is humanistic, its science seeks to delete the supernatural, its religion soothes man's conscience, and its amusements seek to blot out reality. The second reason we should not be conformed to this world is found in Galatians 1:4, in the fact that Christ died to deliver us from this present evil world. Therefore one who is conformed to this world is being fashioned to that from which Jesus delivered us by dying on Calvary. And the third reason we should not be conformed to this age is based on I John 2:17 where we read, "The world passes away and the lust thereof, but he that doeth the will of God abideth forever." And it boils down to this, if you are conformed to the world, you will pass away with it and if your hand is in the hand of God, you will abide forever with Him.

Positive—Be ye transformed. I love to think of the transfiguration of Jesus in connection with this verse. In Matthew 17 we read that Jesus went up into the mount with three disciples and was transfigured before them. His face was shining as the sun, His garments glistened. What happened? That glory which Jesus laid aside in the heavens, that glory which was veiled when He took on the form of a servant, that glory was for a moment unveiled. His outward appearance corresponded to His inner nature. Paul is saying we need a transfiguration. We have become partakers of the divine nature now we should be transfigured so that our external appearance

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Reynoldsburg Ecclesia Plans to Build



The real Bible Mission Baptist Church is to be seen in the picture above, but they hope soon to build what the world calls a church on the site where the picture was taken. One of the six churches to be welcomed into the Ohio Association at Elyria, we rejoice with them in the wonderful work done and congratulate Mrs. Velma Snook on her home mission work, and the pastor, Rev. Lewellyn Thompson on the part he has had in its progress.

This work was begun in the home of Mrs. Velma Snook just off highway 40; a mile east of Reynoldsburg, or about eight miles east of Columbus. She believed Acts 1:8, which said, "Ye shall be witnesses unto me both in Jerusalem, and in all Judaea, and in Samaria, and unto the uttermost part of the earth." She started a Bible study class in her home in July, 1956, with one person. Now it has grown to 30 or more, and led to the organization of a Sunday school in November of that year. Then in December the Bible Mission Baptist Church was organized with ten members. In April of 1957 they were recog-

nized and welcomed into the fellowship of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches in May.

Since their recognition, the Lord has really blessed. Mrs. Velma Snooks says, "We had a Vacation Bible School in July with no less than 50 daily in the Snook home. On Tuesday we have an organized visitation program, Thursday afternoon a ladies' Bible study in Shady Lane Park in Columbus, Thursday night prayer meeting and Bible study, Friday morning a ladies' Bible study in the country, and Friday afternoon a Bible study on the west side of Columbus, and on Saturday night Bible study with our pastor, Llewellyn Thompson, teaching all these classes. On Sunday we meet at 9 for church, 10 for Sunday school, and for evening service at 7:30. We had 53 present this past Sunday morning."

The Lord has enabled them to purchase property, and as He leads, they hope to have a building. They believe the promise of Isaiah 55:11 that God's Word shall not return unto him void. They have ten converts to prove that verse, and four who have followed the Lord in baptism. Their membership has grown to nineteen.

Any group of Christian people could do great things for God and grow, if they went at it with the vigor and consecration of these good people in Reynoldsburg. They believe in tithing and missions, and have already given \$1,983 to missions in Mexico, Brazil, India, and among the Jews. They praise the Lord "for the things done in his Name and look forward to much more this next year." We join them and say "Amen!"

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ALL ABOUT OUR ANNUAL MEETING

We promised to tell all about the Thirtieth Annual Meeting of the Ohio Association of Regular Baptist Churches, that met Oct. 14-17 in the beautiful and spacious First Baptist Church of Elyria; but we fear those that were there will challenge our coverage. There is too much to tell, but we will try to give an idea of what went on for those that could not go, and tell the story interestingly enough so they will want to go next year.

With Elyria central to so many of our churches, we had expected our highest attendance ever, but the flu bug kept a good many people away. Even so, the afternoon and evening sessions were very well attended. Wednesday night the large auditorium and balcony of the church was full, and a few were seated in class rooms along the side of the auditorium, looking across an aisle and between the baffles that separate the auditorium from the aisle.

So far as we know, all messengers arrived and returned to their homes safely, but there was a very close call for Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Hughes of the Central church in Columbus. As we understand it, they had to avoid hitting a truck as they were coming down a hill near Mansfield, and only managed to stop after the car was in a ditch. Mrs. Hughes was rather painfully hurt, and only managed to attend one of the sessions. Yet we suppose they gave more thanks to God for being spared than all the rest of us. The rest of us just took our safe journey for granted, or mostly so. Isn't that just like human nature?

MONDAY EVENING

By Monday evening a goodly number of messengers from all over the state had gathered and the meeting began with a lively song service. Rev. Kenneth Andrus, of

the Emmanuel Baptist Church in Toledo, who had charge of all the music, led the singing, and local musicians, Jack Payne and Miss Gail Smith, were at the organ and piano. Both of them are accomplished musicians. As for brother Ken, we all know what a good musician he is. Special music included a trumpet solo by Hartley Cruver and a vocal duet by Miss Gail Smith and Arthur Strother.

The Key-Note Sermon was given by Pastor Roy J. Clark of the Bethlehem church of Cleveland. (Please excuse us if we don't repeat "Baptist Church" after each one mentioned, for they are all

Willetts of Berea. With his quaint humor and grace the folks felt at home from the start, and testimonies popped like pop corn. Three testified they had been saved this year, and told the ORB church in which they had been converted; and then there were many more who could say they had been saved in our churches five, ten, or even forty years ago, including several who said they had been converted in the Elyria church.

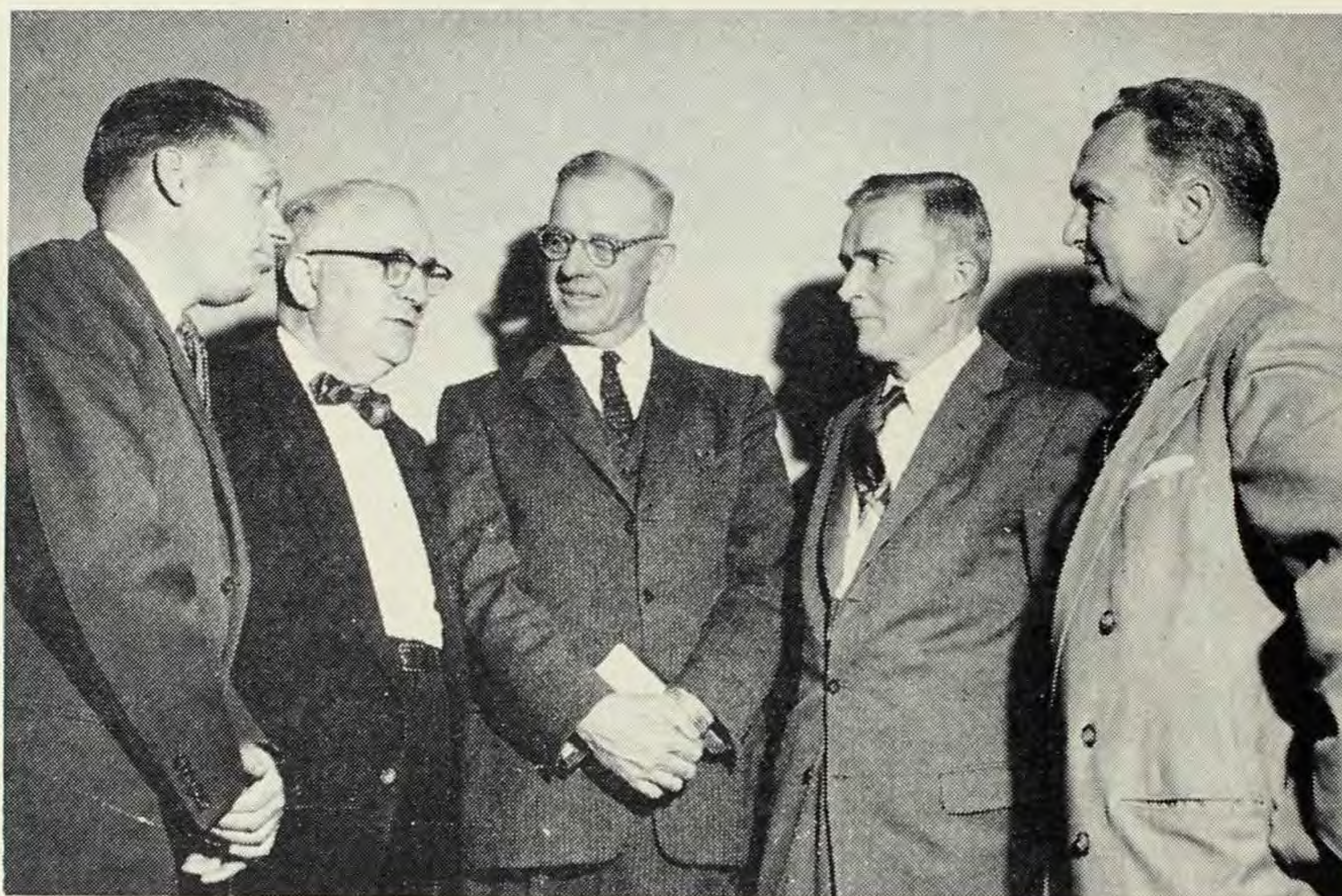
At ten o'clock Pastor Homer Graven of the Avon church gave a fine Bible message on "The Efficacy of Prayer." This message will appear in the December issue and so

our report can be brief. Speaking from James 5:16, he reviewed the prayers of Moses, Elijah, Daniel and Zachariah, and some modern prayer meetings to prove that prayer does indeed avail. Read that sermon next month, but don't wait that long to pray for revival.

THE MEN'S FORUM

The Women's Missionary Hour on Tuesday afternoon is reported separately by Mrs. Allan Lewis, so we will confine ourselves to

the Church Leadership Forum that was conducted for the men in the Fellowship Hall. We did not count the attendance, but it must have been over a hundred. It was evident that the men were anxious to hear Dr. R. T. Ketcham, who was once pastor of the Elyria church and leader in the organization of the association now some thirty years ago. For many years now he has been National Representative of the General Association of Regular Baptist Churches, and his popularity has not been hurt by a recent letter that was sent to all the GARBC pastors and clerks by some anonymous extremist. GARBCers are too independent minded to worship Doc, as he is affectionately called, or always to agree with him; but they



OFFICERS FOR THE COMING YEAR—1957-1958

Left to right: Geo. O'Keefe, Secretary; C. C. Clawson, Mission Secretary; Ralph T. Nordlund, Editor; Earl W. Willetts, Chairman; Robt. J. Reynhout, Treasurer.

Baptist churches). We need not report it, for it appears in a shortened form in this issue; but we can say that it was well prepared and delivered. It was a call to consecration of life and service in a day when a revival of religion has not improved the moral situation.

TUESDAY MORNING

What a beautiful morning God gave us! Having stayed over night with the Smelsers in Medina, we enjoyed the drive back in the early morning. We had to get there early, for Pastor Smelser was to lead the song service at 9:30. Jack Payne was at the piano and Ken Andrus was at the organ. Then came the "Get-Acquainted Period," led by Pastor Earl V.

know him as an honest, sensible, sacrificial servant of God, who is well worthy of their trust.

Two hours were taken up in lively discussion of three problems that confront our pastors, namely what to do with divorced and remarried members, how to maintain Bible discipline among the young people, and what stand to take on segregation and integration.

There was 100% agreement amongst the pastors with Dr. Ketcham in his statement that whatever Scriptural justification there might be for the divorce and remarriage of innocent people whose partners have been immoral, a pastor cannot judge as to who is innocent and so had better not marry any divorced people. Dr. Ketcham told how he learned that the hard way, as many of the rest of us have. So far as the discussion revealed it, there seemed to be the same unanimity with his judgment that however good Christians some divorced people might be, they should not be put in places of leadership in our churches; but several confessed that their congregations did not share their views. Divorce and remarriage is so common today that most church members are influenced by the conditions that obtain in other churches where no stand is taken.

Then there was the vexing problem of church discipline in a day when so many of our young people take their moral standards from their high school crowd, and hasty and forced marriages occur with alarming frequency. Dr. Ketcham told us how he had to face that problem forty years ago, and how he tried to deal with it in love, and yet with firmness. It is not a new problem after all, but has only been aggravated by the lowering of the moral standards of today.

When it came to the segregation or integration issue, there was not the same unanimity, though the discussion was entirely cordial. Some felt that the Bible teaches segregation of the races, and others were just as sure that no Scriptures could be found to prove it. Some told of the tense situation in the large cities of the north, and of the moral problems in schools where the Whites are a minority. It was a sociological question as well as religious. So far as we could tell, most of the men felt that integration had been forced upon our nation before it was ready for it, and yet they were against the

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WOMEN'S MISSIONARY UNION MEETING IN ELYRIA

The day was beautiful and many women of the Missionary Union made their way to the auditorium of the First Baptist Church in Elyria on October 15. The service was begun by the Pastor's wife of the host church, Mrs. Robert Reynhout, as she led the women in the singing. Then Mrs. G. G. Crozier, whom we feel is a queen of missionaries, led the devotions and used as her subject the various facets of prayer. The late Dr. Crozier was for many years a very faithful doctor-missionary in Assam, India and his wife served the Lord at his side. The special music for the day was furnished by a sextet from Elyria and we were happy to have Mrs. Ella Showalter at the organ and Miss Gail Smith at the piano.

During the business session which followed the new officers were elected for the coming year. They are Mrs. Henry Cruver of the Berea Baptist Church as president; Mrs. Kenneth Smelser, First Baptist Church of Medina as vice-president; Mrs. Dean Mayo, Bible Baptist Church of Cedarville as secretary and Mrs. George Milner, Cedar Hill Baptist Church of Cleveland Heights as treasurer.

An announcement was made that the Spring Rally for 1958 will be held at the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Struthers on April 22. Special emphasis was made in behalf of the three state-side projects and a fine offering was received for these.

Our hearts were stirred as we listened to the messages from the missionaries present. Mrs. John de Rossett of Baptist Mid-Missions was the main speaker and she gave us a very vivid picture of their work in French Equatorial Africa. Five-minute testimonies were given by the following: Miss Gladys Baines, Mid-Missions; Miss Patty King, Mid-Missions; Mrs. W. H. Keisler of the Huntington City Missions; Mrs. Albert Speith, Mid-Missions; Miss Arlene Spurlock, Evangelical Baptist Mission and Mrs. Edward Zouck of Evangelical Baptist Mission.

Several minutes were given over to a "buzz session" at which time each one was supposed to obtain from someone else an idea for a work project for their missionary group at home. Just in case you didn't get one, here is one that has proven successful. Take the left-

over copies of your bulletins from each Sunday and cut out the poems and special articles and paste them in small leaflet type scrapbooks. Then put a picture on the front which you might get from a "used" Christmas or birthday card and use these in hospital visitation or give them to your shut-ins.

In the last part of the service we heard reports from the various local associations within the state fellowship. They were given by Mrs. George O'Keefe of Brookside in behalf of the Berean group (Cleveland area); Mrs. Edward Helmick of La Grange for Hebron (north central); Mrs. Marshall Harper of Cambridge for Moriah (south eastern); and Mrs. C. C. Clawson of Columbus for South Bethel (south central).

The meeting was closed in prayer by Mrs. Henry Cruver the new president who also encouraged us to enthusiastically participate in all state-wide activities.

KEYNOTE SERMON

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and conduct suits that nature!

And how is this process to take place? It is by the renewing of the mind. The Holy Spirit takes the Word of God and transformed our mind. II Corinthians 3:18 describes the process when we read, "We all with open face beholding as in a glass the glory of the Lord, are *changed* into the same image from glory to glory."

IV. *The Satisfying Reward for a Consecrated Life*

The result and reward of consecration is the joy of proving the will of God in daily experience. Satan would seek to conform us to the world, but the Spirit would conform us to the image of Jesus Christ. As our body is presented, our mind renewed, and our life conformed, we reach that place in the Christian life where we say even as our Lord, "Not my will but Thine be done." Our will is swallowed up in the will of another. We are ushered into the joyful experience of daily proving the will of God and finding it a satisfying reward for consecration. It is good for us, acceptable to God and perfect, because it is from the Perfect One.

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CHURCHES	No.	Location and Name of Church	Last Year	ADDITIONS			DISMISSALS			Present Year	HOME			TOT
				Baptism	Letter	Experience	Death	Letter	Erasure		Current	Building	Missions	
1. Akron, Brown Street	276			10	11			4		293	\$ 11,000	\$ 9,000	\$ 5,000	\$ 25
2. Amherst, Faith	102			8	4	5			1	118	9,231		620	9
3. Arcanum, Immanuel	110			15	4	1	1	8	0	121	13,470		3,305	16
4. Ashland, Calvary	23			2	4	4				33	4,368	4,210	477	9
5. Avon, Avon	77			12	4	4		3		94	8,677		1,058	9
6. Barberton, Norton Center ..														
7. Bedford, Bible	55			10	8		1	5	3	64	11,311	2,030	2,183	15
8. Belle Center, New Richland	57						1			56	3,314	81	186	3
9. Bellefontaine, Calvary	298			16	1	4	5	2	2	310	25,044		17,277	42
10. Bellefontaine, First Reg.	144					1	2	1	1	141	11,865		7,776	19
11. Berea, Berea	181			17	7	4		9		200	23,508	11,000	9,963	44
12. Berlin Hts., Berlin Hts.	22									22	3,000	100	300	3
13. Blanchester, First	475			43	23	13	2	18		534	14,602	4,691	3,148	22
14. Bowling Green, First	154			5	5	4	3	3		162	4,265	1,200	2,498	7
15. Brunswick, Beebetown	45						2			43	2,051	41	481	2
16. Bucyrus, Calvary	48			11		3		2		60	3,600	1,500	1,000	6
17. Byesville, Calvary	105			7			2	5	9	96	5,452	1,528	1,228	8
18. Cambridge, Second	108			1	6	1		3	2	111	5,900		1,250	7
19. Canton, Calvary	65					7		3	1	68	6,782	3,893	1,789	12
20. Cedarville, Grace	35			2	12	3		3	4	45	3,219	981	2,011	6
21. Charleston, Randolph St.	414			34	10	15	3	13	28	429	21,827	5,023	13,287	40
22. Clendenin, Calvary	111			9	1		1	1		119	4,623	1,089	476	6
23. Cleveland, Bethlehem	112			2	7	3		7		117	21,731		6,520	28
24. Cleveland, Brookside	199			20	7	2	2	11	1	214	19,677	2,392	9,765	31
25. Cleveland, Calvary	257			10	3	4	3	17		254	10,977	145	11,374	22
26. Cleveland, Faith	38					2	1	1	9	29	5,472		1,101	6
27. Cleveland Heights, Cedar Hill	781			48	10	35	9	36	37	792	49,371	41,169	57,564	148
28. Columbus, Central	172			28	23		2	2		219	7,095	1,815	5,017	13
29. Columbus, Clintonville	186			10	12	5	1	4	1	207	15,435	4,719	7,736	27
30. Columbus, Immanuel	179			6		30	1	5	6	203	13,388	10,094	10,137	33
31. Columbus, Memorial	368			8	5	1		5	2	375	10,552	2,636	5,215	18
32. Coshocton, First Christian	95						2	6		87	5,230	1,125	2,069	8
33. Cuyahoga Falls, Graham Rd.														
34. Dayton, Emmanuel														
35. Elyria, First	538			32	15	6	5	25	8	553	35,084	16,627	10,953	62
36. Erie, Bethel	522			13		15	5	14		531	23,963	9,278	16,562	49
37. Euclid, Euclid-Nottingham ..	721			47	40	13	5	21	54	741	31,805	33,729	20,376	85
38. Euclid, Lakeland	71				1	7		16		63	5,716		654	6
39. Fayette, Ambrose	79							1		78	4,381		1,701	6
40. Findlay, First	100			4	4			13		95	5,741	463	2,891	9
41. Fostoria, Fostoria	263			34	3	3	3	5	8	287	11,217	468	3,539	15
42. Galion, First	174			2	9			2		183	8,000	3,900	5,000	16
43. Gallipolis, First	484			20						504	26,452		12,355	38
44. Garrettsville, Troy														
45. Harriettsville, Road Fork	113									113				
46. Hinckley, Hinckley Ridge	88				4	1				93	7,120		265	7
47. Kipton, Camden	109			14	2	5	2		1	127	5,101	2,100	1,359	8
48. LaGrange, First	236			8	2	1	2			245	10,393	1,939	4,257	16

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violence that has broken out in some areas of our country. Whatever the eventual solution, this problem is going to be with us for a long time, and only Christian patience and love can help the situation.

TUESDAY EVENING

Pastor Howard Young of Wellington was the song leader that night, with Gail Smith at the piano and Jack Payne at the organ. Those who know Brother Young can imagine what music he got out of the large congregation. A pastor's quartet sang an arrangement of Leaning On the Everlasting Arms.

They were Bob Rogers of Lorain, Edward Spencer of Penfield Junction, Ken Andrus and Ken Houser of Toledo.

One of the blessed periods in each annual meeting is the welcoming of new churches, and this year we had the joy of seeing six churches come into our fellowship. They were the Kettering Baptist

BAPTIST CHURCHES — 1956-1957 STATISTICS

CHURCHES	Last Year	MEMBERSHIP						Present Year	FINANCES			TOTALS
		ADDITIONS			DISMISSALS				HOME	Missions		
		Baptism	Letter	Experience	Death	Letter	Erasure					
Location and Name of Church									Current	Building		
Lancaster, First	38	16	2		2	4	1	49	2,732	900	420	4,052
Lima, Homewood												
Lima, Northside	116	3	8	1	1	13	12	102	13,390	4,862	4,117	22,369
Lorain, East Side	373	43	21	7	6	9	6	423	19,925	22,588	7,741	50,254
Lorain, Penfield Junction	222	14	1				15	222	13,000	3,000	3,000	19,000
Lorain, Trinity	151	12		2	1	4		160	8,883	6,974	2,116	17,973
Mannington, Calvary	84	5				1		88	4,409		1,312	5,721
Massillon, Calvary	46		3			14		35	3,120	500	1,620	5,240
McDonald, First	173	10	1			6	4	174	10,353	1,200	5,270	16,823
Medina, First	238	20	6	3	2	10		255	14,107		12,314	26,421
New London, First	87	4	3			1		93	6,322	3,459	2,933	12,714
Niles, Evansville	177	9		8		2	23	169	6,424	5,697	2,078	14,199
Niles, First	394	12	4	5	5	6	8	396	13,330	11,252	12,189	36,771
Northfield, Northfield	94	9	7	3	1			112	9,454	4,737	1,240	15,431
North Jackson, Independent	71	12	1			5		79	7,978	3,507	920	12,405
North Madison, Bible	62	7	8	6		5		78	5,064	1,326	970	7,360
North Olmsted, N. Olmsted ..	16	5	6	9				36	4,974	482	552	6,008
North Royalton, N. Royalton	159	13		1	3	3		168	10,990	7,435	5,368	23,793
Norwalk, Calvary	135	15		2		6		146	7,939	6,227	3,511	17,677
Otsego, Bible Mission	13	5					1	17	1,713	359	518	2,590
Painesville, Calvary	134	43	5	1		2	1	180	9,449	6,450	3,663	19,562
Parma, First	133	13	12	5	2	17	3	141	13,409	312	1,697	15,418
Portsmouth, Temple	769	34	6	2	15	30	38	728	38,350		16,248	54,598
Portsmouth, Wait's Mission-ary	31							31				
Quaker City, Salt Fork	43			3				46	1,451	684	950	3,085
Rochester, Rochester	84	7	3		1			93	4,635	234	543	5,412
Rocky River, Grace	117		6		1	10	5	107	6,748	1,280	4,193	12,221
Sandusky, Calvary	140	18	2	1	2	2		157	7,630	3,179	5,900	16,709
Sharon, Penn Ave.	97	30	2	21		2	73	75	10,995	7,217	2,030	20,242
South Olive, New Harmony	85	3			1			87	2,096		752	2,848
Spencer, First	161	9	1			3		168	5,768	1,095	4,671	11,534
Spencerville, Open Door												
Springfield, Blessed Hope	280	28	17	2	1	2	10	314	15,010	6,325	3,592	24,927
Springfield, Maranatha	101	5		2		5		103	5,900	1,357	590	7,847
Struthers, Struthers	280	5	5			5	5	280	17,598	10,000	47,422	75,020
Tallmadge, Fundamental	250	13	5	1	1	7		261	15,965		2,438	18,403
Thurston, Fairfield	52	3	1	1				57	3,352	300	1,568	5,220
Tiffin, Calvary	34		2	3		5		34	3,537	3,587	556	7,680
Toledo, Emmanuel	596	28	4	27	9	12	15	619	22,890	12,301	25,114	60,305
Toledo, Lewis Ave.	96	3	4		1	4		98	6,135	7,275	2,825	16,235
Troy, Grace	130	5		3	1		3	134	7,871	1,448	3,714	13,033
Wauseon, First	79	4			2	2	2	77	4,963	848	1,813	7,624
Wellington, First Regular	172	5		5	3	2	13	164	33,358	66,314	5,295	104,967
Wheelersburg, Wheelersburg	247	20	6	3	3	6		267	10,459	3,564	4,157	18,180
Xenia, Emmanuel	130	4	5	28		8	20	139	6,065	479	1,065	7,609
Xenia, Xenia Bible	38	12	11	8	1	2	15	51	3,966	1,579	640	6,185
Zanesville, Bible Mission	50	7	2	4	1			62	5,017	3,828	12,683	21,528
TOTALS	15,768	1,021	417	369	131	489	451	16,504	\$957,734	\$403,127	\$494,031	\$1,854,892

Church of Dayton, Loren Brown, pastor; West Side Baptist Church of Lorain, Bob Rogers, pastor; Bible Mission Baptist Church of Reynoldsburg, Llewellyn Thompson, pastor; Emmanuel Baptist Church of Piqua, Clarence Curley, pastor; First Baptist Church of Brunswick, William Hollen, pastor; and the South Canaan Baptist Church near

Athens, Clare Thompson, pastor. We are running the story of the Bible Mission church this month, and hope the others will soon send in pictures and the history of their churches.

The message of the evening was delivered by Dr. R. T. Ketcham on The Pre-Tribulation Rapture of the Church. He said 25 years ago

it was generally understood that a pre-millennialist believed the church would be raptured before the Great Tribulation took place, but now some hold it goes through the Tribulation or half way through, or else that there is no Millennial Kingdom to follow. He told of one church lost to the

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GARBC because the pulpit committee did not know that when the candidate said he was an A-millennialist, he meant that he did not believe in a millennium. They supposed the "a" meant he believed in a millennium, while it is Greek and means "no." They called him and it was not long until he led them out of our fellowship.

It is impossible to report Dr. Ketcham, for half of his forcefulness comes from the apt turning of a phrase, or from his voice or gesture. Some time soon we will give a digest of his booklet, "Pre-, Mid-, or Post-Tribulation Rapture?" It can be ordered from the Regular Baptist Press for 75c.

WEDNESDAY MORNING

Pastor Clarence Townsend of Fayette led the song service, with Hall Dautel at the organ. The doctrinal message this year was delivered by Pastor Kenneth Houser of the Lewis Avenue church in Toledo. He spoke from Gal. 1:4 and took as his theme, "This



Present Evil World." It was a well prepared message that brought out the characteristics of this age—its lawlessness, and the beastliness of the nations. Back of it all is Satan, who will bring sin to a climax under the Man of Sin, or the Anti-christ. Nevertheless, God is sovereign, and will bring this age to its close and usher in the kingdom at the return of Christ.

THE MISSIONARY HOUR

Regular Baptist Churches are intensely missionary. We believe that Jesus meant just what he said, when he commanded us to go into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature. Our missionary chairman for the year, George O'Keefe, took charge and called for all the home and foreign missionaries to come to the platform. This year it was the turn of Evangelical Baptist Missions formerly Christian Missions Incorporated and Baptist Mid-Missions to present their work. After a testimony from each of the missionaries, Edward Zouck spoke on West Africa. He told how Islam had taken over North Africa over 1,000

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THE DIRECTORY

OHIO ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES

Church	Pastor	Church Address
1. AKRON Brown Street Baptist	Dean Henry	541 Brown Street Akron, Ohio
2. AMHERST Faith Baptist	Leland G. Howard	Amherst, Ohio
3. ARCANUM Immanuel Baptist	Dale E. Fisher	502 W. South Street Arcanum, Ohio
4. ASHLAND Calvary Baptist	Fred Alexander	619 Center Street Ashland, Ohio
5. ATHENS South Canaan Baptist	Clair Thompson	Route 4 Athens, Ohio
6. AVON Avon Baptist	Homer E. Graven	Box 205 Avon, Ohio
7. BARBERTON Norton Center Baptist	Jack Downs	4239 Cleveland Mass. Rd. Barberton, Ohio
8. BEDFORD Bible Baptist	Edward Morrell, Jr.	20 Avalon Drive (Box 32) Bedford, Ohio
9. BELLE CENTER New Richland Baptist	Harvey Christian	Belle Center, Ohio
10. BELLEFONTAINE Calvary Baptist	James E. Rosner	101 West High St. Bellefontaine, Ohio
11. BELLEFONTAINE First Regular Baptist	Gerald Barlow	Columbus and Madriver Bellefontaine, Ohio
12. BERE A Berea Baptist	Earl V. Willetts	250 West Street Berea, Ohio
13. BERLIN HEIGHTS Berlin Heights Baptist	R. Paul Mayo	Box 51 Berlin Heights, Ohio
14. BLANCHESTER First Baptist	David G. Canine	304 W. Center St. Blanchester, Ohio
15. BOWLING GREEN First Baptist	William C. McKeever	117 East Oak St. Bowling Green, Ohio
16. BRUNSWICK Beebetown Baptist	Herbert W. Jones	Marks Rd. Brunswick, Ohio
17. BRUNSWICK First Baptist	William Hollen	Brunswick, Ohio
18. BUCYRUS Calvary Baptist	J. Howard Jones	Bucyrus, Ohio
19. BYESVILLE Calvary Baptist	Harold House, Sr.	Race and 6th Streets Byesville, Ohio
20. CAMBRIDGE Second Baptist	Marshall Harper	Cambridge, Ohio
21. CANTON Calvary Baptist	Charles W. McKinney	Second and Whipple Rd. S.W. Canton, Ohio
22. CEDARVILLE Grace Baptist of Cedarville	Harry E. Cole	Box 438 Cedarville, Ohio
23. CHARLESTON Randolph St. Baptist	Robert E. McNeill	213 Randolph St. Charleston 2, W. Va.

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Church	Pastor	Church Address
24. CLENDENIN Calvary Baptist	Edward L. Greenwood	Clendenin, W. Va.
25. CLEVELAND Bethlehem Baptist	Roy J. Clark	4164 East 123 St. Cleveland, Ohio
26. CLEVELAND Brookside Baptist	George W. O'Keefe	3420 Henninger Rd. Cleveland 9, Ohio
27. CLEVELAND Calvary Baptist	George R. Gibson	3550 West 25 St. Cleveland 9, Ohio
28. CLEVELAND Faith Baptist	Donald Kellogg	5708 Hough Ave. Cleveland 3, Ohio
29. CLEVELAND HEIGHTS Cedar Hill Baptist	John G. Balyo	12601 Cedar Road Cleveland Heights 6, Ohio
30. COLUMBUS Central Baptist	Frank G. Coleman	27 E. Russell St. Columbus, Ohio
31. COLUMBUS Clintonville Baptist	Glenn H. Davis	35 Oakland Park Ave. Columbus, Ohio
32. COLUMBUS Immanuel Baptist	William A. Brock	3417 Palmetto St. at Derrer Rd. Columbus, Ohio
33. COLUMBUS Memorial Baptist	C. C. Clawson	26 S. Sandusky St. Columbus, Ohio
34. COSHOCTON First Christian Baptist	Harold P. House, Jr.	Corner 7th and Poplar St. Coshocton, Ohio
35. CUYAHOGA FALLS Graham Road Baptist	S. E. Collison	705 W. Graham Road Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio
36. DAYTON Emmanuel Baptist	Nile Fisher	1501 East Third St. Dayton 3, Ohio
37. DAYTON Kettering Baptist	Loren L. Brown	3122 Wilmington Ave. Dayton 9, Ohio
38. ELYRIA First Baptist	Robert J. Reynhout	276 Washington Ave. Elyria, Ohio
39. ERIE Bethel Baptist	Robert L. Gilbert	26th and Wayne Streets Erie, Pa.
40. EUCLID Euclid-Nottingham Baptist	Allan E. Lewis	18901 Lake Shore Blvd. Euclid 19, Ohio
41. EUCLID Lakeland Baptist	Ernest A. Whitney	961 Babbitt Road Euclid 23, Ohio
42. FAYETTE Ambrose Baptist	Clarence H. Townsend	Rt. 2 Fayette, Ohio
43. FINDLAY First Baptist	Melvin O. Welch	119 East Lima St. Findlay, Ohio
44. FOSTORIA Fostoria Baptist	Ralph T. Nordlund	Fourth and Wood Sts. Fostoria, Ohio
45. GALION First Baptist	Wilfred Booth	114 West Walnut St. Galion, Ohio
46. GALLIPOLIS First Baptist	W. H. Green	Gallipolis, Ohio
47. GARRETTSVILLE Troy Baptist	C. Richard Phelps	Route 2 Garrettsville, Ohio
48. HARRIETTSVILLE Road Fork Baptist	Ray Fellenger	Harriettsville, Ohio

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years ago, and how it had taken over West Africa during the last three hundred years. The Negroes were attracted to it because it represented a higher type of civilization than their own, and yet allowed them to keep their old sinful habits. It had also been encouraged by France and England, because they felt it helped them in their colonizing.

He told of the changes now coming over Africa—how American money given to help France had been spent there to build beautiful government buildings, but how the black officials that enjoyed these buildings had no use for us Whites. Labor unions have also been formed and laws passed that a servant must be paid 40% as much as his master gets, and that meant that missionaries could no longer afford to hire, but must do their own work. The richer natives now seek to ape the Whites and buy autos and even travel by plane.

In spite of this change, Brother Zouck could report progress, with six stations and one native church



in Niamey, a school of sixth grade level, a dispensary, and a Bible school with seven natives training for the ministry.

Dr. Robert L. Ryerse, Mid-Missions representative, introduced the workers of that mission. Mrs. G. C. Crozier gave a touching testimony of the forty years she and Dr. Crozier had spent in Assam, the last term under Mid-Missions, and how her heart was still out there. Dr. Crozier passed away last April, after a long life of consecrated service for his Lord. We are sorry we did not hear about it until in August, and so felt it was too late to give it as a news item. This is our opportunity to mention this faithful man of God, and gladly do we do so.

Briefer testimonies were given by Mrs. Edw. de Rosset of Peru; by Patsy King of the North Jackson church, who is a candidate for work in French Equatorial Africa; by Albert and Mrs. Spieth, who have spent ten years at Manaos, Brazil, and who will open a work in British Guiana upon their return. Loren Brown spoke of his work in Kettering, where he felt

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WE GIVE THANKS

By Grenville Kleiser

Lord God of hosts, we render
thanks

For all Thy mercies sure;
Thy tender love environs us,
And will through life endure.

Teach us to know Thy Perfect
will,

Humble and meek to be;
May we in gladness praise Thy
name
Throughout eternity.

Lord God of hosts, we offer thanks
And call upon Thy name;

A psalm of praise to Thee we sing,
Thy wondrous love proclaim.

Thou art our refuge and our
strength;

There is no other power;
If sudden danger threatens us,
We find in Thee a tower.

Lord God of hosts, we proffer
praise;

Direct us on our way;
With grateful hearts we worship
Thee

On this Thanksgiving Day.

—Watchman-Examiner

CAMP PATMOS PUT TO BED

Donald H. Beightol, hard working superintendent of grounds, reports that at the fall work week the roof on the garage and on the east side of the tool shed were replaced with new roll roofing. Cabins 6 and 7 were given a second coat of paint. The front porch sills and floor were replaced or repaired. Broken windows were fixed, screens taken down and stored. The bus was drained and the latter brought to Norwalk, as was the red truck, for winter storage. All water lines and traps were drained.

Nine men reported for work September 24th. They were pastors Cosby, Hemminger, Matheny, and Beightol, missionary candidate Don Girton, and three laymen, C. E. Hackett of New London, Dean Morton from Norwalk, and a Mr. Wilson from Rochester.

"God gave these men a mind to work and the ability to do the various jobs. The weather was perfect, and the work was finished in four days. We could have used a good cook—and more men would have meant a shorter stay."

He pleads for men AND LADIES for next May. Ladies will be needed for cleaning the build-

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Church	Pastor	Church Address
49. HINCKLEY Hinckley Ridge Baptist	Ralph W. Stearns	Co. Rd. 44 R.D. 3 Brunswick, Ohio (Mail- ing address)
50. KIPTON Camden Baptist	Robert Barrett	Kipton, Ohio
51. LAGRANGE First Baptist	Edward Helmick	LaGrange, Ohio
52. LANCASTER First Baptist	John S. White	1332 E. Main St. Lancaster, Ohio
53. LIMA Homewood Baptist	E. G. Riley	Box 103 Vaughnsville, Ohio
54. LIMA Northside Baptist	C. E. Spaulding	633 W. Ashton Ave. Lima, Ohio
55. LORAIN East Side Baptist	Verne L. Dunham	Lorain, Ohio
56. LORAIN Penfield Jct. Baptist	Edward E. Spencer	5046 Broadway Lorain, Ohio
57. LORAIN Trinity Baptist	Elton C. Hukill	E. 31st and Gary Ave. Lorain, Ohio
58. LORAIN West Side Baptist	Robert F. Rogers	Lorain, Ohio
59. MANNINGTON Calvary Baptist	Albert L. Ostrander	Mannington, W. Va.
60. MASSILLON Calvary Baptist Church of Moffitt Heights	Louie J. DiPlacido	Rt. 241, Massillon, Ohio
61. McDONALD First Baptist	L. J. Travis	602 Illinois Ave. McDonald, Ohio
62. MEDINA First Baptist	R. Kenneth Smelser	Medina, Ohio
63. NEW LONDON First Baptist	George Cosby	34 Park Ave. New London, Ohio
64. NILES Evansville Baptist	Donald R. Loomis	136 Ohltown-McDonald Rd. Niles, Ohio
65. NILES First Baptist	T. Fred Hussey	26 E. Church St. Niles, Ohio
66. NORTHFIELD Northfield Baptist	Lynn E. Rogers	119 Vincent Ave. Northfield, Ohio
67. NORTH JACKSON Independent Baptist	Gerald H. Mitchell	North Jackson, Ohio
68. NORTH MADISON Bible Baptist	Roland P. Globig	U.S. 20 & Hubbard Rd. North Madison, Ohio
69. NORTH OLMSTED North Olmsted Baptist	Harry J. Heminger	Box 184 North Olmsted, Ohio
70. NORTH ROYALTON North Royalton Baptist	Kenneth E. Nelson	6616 Royalton Road North Royalton, Ohio
71. NORWALK Calvary Baptist	Donald H. Beightol	92 Prospect Norwalk, Ohio
72. OTSEGO Bible Mission Baptist	L. Thompson	Otsego, Ohio

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Church	Pastor	Church Address
73. PAINESVILLE Calvary Baptist	John M. Strong	727 Menton Ave. Painesville, Ohio
74. PARMA First Baptist of Parma	Elliott Horton	5994 Ridge Road Parma 29, Ohio
75. PIQUA Emmanuel Baptist	Clarence Curley	534 McKinley Ave. Piqua, Ohio
76. PORTSMOUTH Temple Baptist	Hall Dautel	Gallia St. at Waller Portsmouth, Ohio
77. PORTSMOUTH Wait's Missionary Baptist	Wm. E. Ottnev	Rt. 4 Portsmouth, Ohio
78. QUAKER CITY Salt Fork Baptist	Kenneth Fuller	Rt. 2 Quaker City, Ohio
79. REYNOLDSBURG Bible Mission Baptist	L. Thompson	Reynoldsburg, Ohio
80. ROCHESTER Rochester Baptist	Donald E. Matheny	Rochester, Ohio
81. ROCKY RIVER Grace Baptist	Vernon K. Billington	19147 Eastlook Rd. Rocky River 18, Ohio
82. SANDUSKY Calvary Baptist Tabernacle	Max E. Tucker	1012 Columbus Ave. Sandusky, Ohio
83. SHARON Penn Ave. Baptist	Vacant	Penn Ave. Sharon, Pa.
84. SOUTH OLIVE New Harmony Baptist	Leslie Hoskovics	South Olive, Ohio
85. SPENCER First Baptist	Adam A. Galt	W. Main & School Sts. Spencer, Ohio
86. SPENCERVILLE Open Door Baptist	Donald Peltier	Route No. 2 Elida, Ohio
87. SPRINGFIELD Blessed Hope Baptist	Glenn Greenwood	Springfield, Ohio
88. SPRINGFIELD Maranatha Baptist	John D. Street	Sunset & Beacon Sts. Springfield, Ohio
89. STRUTHERS Struthers Baptist Tabernacle	A. J. Marsteller	4th and Elm Struthers, Ohio
90. TALLMADGE Fundamental Baptist	B. F. Cate	848 Southeast Ave. Tallmadge, Ohio
91. THURSTON Fairfield Baptist	Robert W. Fuller	Thurston, Ohio
92. TIFFIN Calvary Baptist	G. H. Wiseman	Cor. N. Washington & Hall Tiffin, Ohio
93. TOLEDO Emmanuel Baptist	Vacant Kenneth Andrus, Ass't.	937 Grand Ave. Toledo 6, Ohio
94. TOLEDO Lewis Ave. Baptist	Kenneth F. Houser Jr.	4408 Lewis Ave. Toledo 12, Ohio
95. TROY Grace Baptist	Charles D. Miles	McKaig & Monroe Sts. Troy, Ohio

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THANKSGIVING—A RECESSIONAL

By Edward Everett Knapp

From the rock on Plymouth's
breast,

To Sierra's highest crest

From Niagara's deep toned roar,

To the far Gulf's stormy shore,

Let the people say: Amen!

Let the people praise His name.

From New England's sad gray
land,

To Alaska's golden strand.

From our northland's ice and
snow,

To our southland's sunny glow,

Let the people say: Amen!

Let the people praise His name.

Colorado's mountains high,

Pointing to His throne on high,

Field and forest, prairie sod,

Lift their hands in thanks to God.

Let the people say: Amen!

Let the people praise His name.

For the grain field's plenteous

yield,

For the fruits of wood and field,

For our homes and every good

Thanks we give to Thee, our God.

Let the people say: Amen!

Let the people praise His name.

—Watchman-Examiner

ANNUAL REPORT OF HEBRON ASS'N

FOR 1957

(Report of 21 Churches)

MEMBERSHIP STATISTICS

Baptism 256

Letter 115

Experience 72

Total Additions 443

DISMISSED

Deaths 27

Letter 92

Erasure 44

Total Dismissed 163

TOTAL MEMBERSHIP

Membership to Date 3,422

Total Sunday School Av-

erage Attendance 3,223

Average per church reporting 153

FINANCIAL STATISTICS

Home Expenses \$333,630.80

Missions 77,697.98

Respectfully submitted by Clerk

Max E. Tucker

CAMP PATMOS PUT TO BED

(Continued)

ings to make them ready for camp.

The time for the next work week

will be the last week in May. Will-

ing workers make for a clean camp

and a good season.

ORDINATION OF JOHN S. WHITE

A Council of 29 members met September 30, 2:30 o'clock at First Baptist Church, Northfield, Ohio, and heard a well presented account of his conversion and call into the Gospel ministry. The declaration of Bible doctrines was a blessing to all in attendance. Pastor E. V. Willets of Berea, was the Moderator, and Pastor K. E. Nelson of North Royalton, was the Clerk.

Upon the Council's recommendation, the local Church with its Pastor, Lynn Rogers, conducted an inspiring Ordination service, October 8, 7:30 P.M. Four local Deacons led in the singing, Scripture reading, Prayer and the presentation of a gift Bible. Professor Bruce Turnbull of Cedarville College preached the Ordination Service. Pastor Nelson led in the ordination prayer. The charge to the Candidate was given by Pastor Willets. The charge to the Church was given by Pastor Dale Cadman of Xenia, Ohio. The local Pastor, Lynn Rogers, extended the right hand of fellowship to Brother White.

Truly it was a fellowship in the Lord, as Brother White revealed his call and preparation for the Lord's work. He was saved just five years ago. He received his Bible training at the Clear Creek Baptist School, Pine Brook, Ken-

THE DIRECTORY (Continued)

Church	Pastor	Church Address
96. WAUSEON First Baptist	Martin E. Holmes	224 S. Fulton St. Wauseon, Ohio
97. WELLINGTON First Regular Baptist	Howard G. Young	Grand Ave. Wellington, Ohio
98. WHEELERSBURG Wheelersburg Baptist	John F. Adkins	Box 224 Wheelersburg, Ohio
99. XENIA The Emmanuel Baptist	F. Dale Cadman	115 Lake Street Xenia, Ohio
100. XENIA Xenia Bible (Regular Baptist)	S. A. Hutchison	Harbine Avenue Xenia, Ohio
101. ZANESVILLE Bible Mission Baptist	Llewellyn Thompson	536 Moxahala Zanesville, Ohio

If any church is not listed that still considers itself in our association, we beg them to send in statistics and we will print them in the next issue. We do not want to miss a single church from our fine fellowship, but we do wonder whether they want to be included if they never send in reports.

tucky, and further work at Cedarville College, and is now the Pastor of the Baptist Church at Lancaster, Ohio, where the Lord's blessing on his ministry is very evident. Mrs. White stood with him in his prayer and benediction, after which the local Church was

host to a delightful lunch in the adjoining educational building.

Please mention THE OHIO INDEPENDENT BAPTIST when writing our Advertisers. It will be appreciated.

OHIO ASSOCIATION OF REGULAR BAPTIST CHURCHES

A SUMMARY AND COMPARISON

MEMBERSHIP

	1953-54	1954-55	1955-56	1956-57
Total number of churches	89	93	98	101
Churches reporting	81	82	92	89
Largest membership	864	780	781	792
Smallest membership	11	28	13	17
Total members	14,520	16,152	16,884	16,504
Total additions	1,700	1,790	1,754	1,807
Total dismissals	1,044	1,011	1,361	1,071
Average membership	180	192	183	185

We do not give the apparent net loss, because fewer churches reported this year. If they had reported, we would have had a net gain.

FINANCES

Total amount reported	\$1,421,478	\$1,542,467	\$1,679,791	\$1,854,892
Average per church reporting	17,549	18,810	18,259	21,321
Allocated to current expense	717,549	789,702	885,407	957,734
Allocated to missions	367,498	387,750	445,407	494,031
Average missions per church	4,594	4,726	4,838	5,679
Allocated to building	325,745	356,195	349,298	403,127

We are not sure whether previous average figures were gotten by dividing by all the churches or just those reporting, so the comparison may not be quite accurate. However, dividing by those actually reporting is better. That there has been a steady upward climb in giving is apparent.

Treasurer's Report for Year 1956-1957

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR		
General Fund	\$1,524.69	
Magazine	1,750.20	
Advertising	600.47	
Missions	132.01	
Total receipts	\$4,007.37	
Balance Oct. 13, 1956	96.10	
Grand Total	\$4,103.47	
DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR		
General Fund	\$1,009.23	
Magazine	2,793.22	
Missions	132.01	
Total disbursements	\$3,934.46	
Balance Oct. 13, 1957	169.01	

Report of Treasurer of Home and Camp
for Year 1956-1957

Fiscal year Oct. 16, 1956 to Oct. 15, 1957

Camp Patmos:			
Camp Period of 8 weeks:			
Rec'd from campers & guests	\$12,922.13	\$12,922.13	
Expenses for period:			
Neuman Boat Lines, Inc.	2,395.37		
Kitchen help & maintenance..	1,779.17		
General expenses	7,487.69		
Total expenses	\$11,662.23	11,662.23	
Bal. for 8 weeks		\$ 1,259.90	\$ 1,259.90
General Report of Camp:			
Rec'd from churches & personal			
gifts	\$ 5,571.51		
Bal. in fund, Oct. 15, 1956	451.32		
Total rec'd	\$ 6,022.83	\$ 6,022.83	
Disbursements:			
Principal on loan	\$ 1,500.00		
Interest on loan	350.00		
Improvements & repairs	3,099.04		
Total expenses	\$ 4,949.04	4,949.04	
Bal., Oct. 15, 1957		\$ 1,073.79	1,073.79
Home:			
Bal., Oct. 15, 1956	\$ 1,106.50		
Rec'd gifts for year	679.00		
Total, Oct. 15, 1957	\$ 1,785.50		1,785.50
Finley Memorial Chapel:			
Rec'd for the year	\$ 1,527.15		1,527.15
Bal. in the treasury, Oct. 15, 1957		\$ 5,646.34	
Due on loan to Cygnet Savings Bank Co.....	\$ 6,000.00		

Respectfully submitted:
ELTON C. HUKILL, Treas.

OUR ANNUAL MEETING
(Continued)

there was just as much spiritual darkness as in Africa. After these testimonies, Dr. Ryerse gave a touching plea for more concern for missions.

WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

After Pastor T. Fred Hussey led the song service, the Associational Hour began. Most of the reports given will appear elsewhere in this issue. The certification committee reported the results of the vote of the churches for council members and we give them as those whose

- Term Expires in 1959
- Hall Dautel, Temple Baptist of Portsmouth
- Robert J. Reynhout, First Baptist, Elyria
- Earl V. Willetts, Berea Baptist, Berea
- T. Fred Hussey, First Baptist, Niles
- Glenn Greenwood, Blessed Hope Baptist Springfield
- Howard G. Young was chosen for the unexpired term of R. L. Matthews.

- Term Expiring in 1958
- Howard G. Young, First Baptist, Wellington
- John G. Balyo, Cedar Hill Baptist, Cleveland
- George R. Gibson, Calvary Baptist, Cleveland
- George O'Keefe, Brookside Baptist, Cleveland
- R. Kenneth Smelser, First Baptist, Medina

Immediately after the business session, the Council of Ten met to
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OUR ANNUAL MEETING

(Continued)

select officers for the coming year. Earl V. Willetts was chosen as chairman, George O'Keefe as secretary, Robert J. Reynhout as treasurer, and outside of the council, as made possible last year, C. C. Clawson was chosen as missionary chairman, and John Strong as leader of the young people's department. Ralph T. Nordlund was chosen as editor. Actually, he was chosen by the old council, and his salary set at \$100 a month, with 6c a mile for travel. Since this was something new among us, where Dr. Finley had served for nothing, it was presented to the association and passed. The salary was voted with the understanding that Bro. Nordlund would resign his pastorate and devote his time to the paper and to the work of bringing needy communities that want a church together with qualified men who will be willing to go in and start a work.

THE SUNDAY SCHOOL WORKSHOPS

While the Council of Ten were organizing, the rest of the messengers enjoyed a workshop session under the direction of Rev. Earl Leiby, minister of education in the Cedar Hill church of Cleveland. There were two periods, so that all could attend two. The Beginner group was led by Mrs. Earl Helfrick of the Cedar Hill church, and the Primary group by Mrs. John Balyo of the same church. The Junior group was led by Mrs. Donald Woodby of the Hayden Avenue church of Cleveland; the Junior and Senior High group by Rev. Kenneth Andrus of the Emmanuel church in Toledo; the Visitation group by Rev. Roy J. Clark of the Bethlehem church, Cleveland. Sunday school records were explained by Rev. Earl Leiby, promotion by Rev. Robert J. Reynhout of the Elyria church, and the part of the pastor in the Sunday school by Rev. Robert Gilbert of the Bethel Baptist church of Erie. This is the second year of work shops, and they will undoubtedly become a regular part of our annual meetings.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT

The music Wednesday night was superb. Pastor Don Loomis of Evansville led the singing, Ken Andrus was at the piano, and Jack Payne at the organ. Neal Folsom

and Dick Elliott gave a clarinet duet, and Jack Payne and Gail Smith gave a thrilling piano-organ duet, "Wonderful Grace of Jesus." Clarence Townsend and Don Loomis also sang a duet.

The evening message was delivered by Pastor James E. Rosner of Calvary Baptist, Bellefontaine. He spoke on the "Beholds" of John's Gospel. As Man we behold his marvelous words. As Lamb,

OCTOBER GIFTS TO OHIO ASSOCIATION

Rev. Elton C. Hukill, Treas., 2029 East 30th St., Lorain, Ohio

GIFTS TO CAMP PATMOS

North Royalton Baptist S. S.	\$ 10.00
Penn. Ave. Baptist S. S., Sharon, Pa.	10.00
Rochester Baptist Missionary Society	20.00
Evansville Baptist Church	20.00
Clintonville Baptist Church, Columbus	50.00
Berea Baptist Church	10.00
Bethlehem Baptist Church, Cleveland	17.90
Independent Baptist Church, North Jackson	5.00
First Baptist Missionary Society, New London	25.00
Brookside Baptist Church, Cleveland	5.00
Hebron Baptist Youth Dept.	100.00
First Baptist Church, Gallipolis	15.00
Immanuel Baptist Church, Arcanum	10.00
First Baptist Church, Elyria	52.35
Cedar Hill Baptist Church, Cleveland	10.00
Trinity Baptist Church, Lorain	3.55
Emmanuel Baptist Church, Toledo	37.50
Young People's Dept., O.A.R.B.C.	1,000.00
First Baptist Church, McDonald	10.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Norwalk	30.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Bellefontaine	15.00
Penfield Jct. Baptist Church	10.00
Calvary Baptist Church, Canton	5.04

GIFTS TO HOME

Memorial Baptist Church, Columbus	\$60.60
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GIFTS TO FINLEY MEMORIAL CHAPEL

Euclid-Nottingham Baptist, Euclid	\$ 100.00
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Previously received:

Calvary Baptist, Norwalk	\$ 100.00	
Calvary Baptist, Sandusky	50.00	
Mrs. Bessie Finley	1,000.00	
Senior Camps in July & Aug.	171.41	
Fostoria Baptist	90.74	
Christian Baptist Sen. Y.P., Coshocton	15.00	\$1,427.15

Total given to date \$1,527.15

GIFTS TO OHIO ASSOCIATION

Rev. R. J. Reynhout, Treas., 276 Washington Ave., Elyria, Ohio

First Baptist, Elyria	\$30.00
Calvary Baptist, Cleveland	5.00
Bible Baptist, Bedford	50.00
Clintonville Baptist, Columbus	10.00
Berea Baptist, Berea	10.00
Penn Ave. Baptist, Sharon, Pa	5.00
Bethlehem Baptist, Cleveland	5.00
First Baptist, Gallipolis	10.00
First Baptist, Bowling Green	3.00
Euclid-Nottingham Baptist, Euclid	5.00
Emmanuel Baptist, Toledo	12.50
North Royalton Baptist, N. Royalton	2.00
Calvary Baptist, Norwalk	5.00
Evansville Baptist, Niles	5.00
Memorial Baptist, Columbus	25.00

we behold his selection, his seclusion, and his sacrifice. As King, we behold him in his rejection, in his presentation, and in his coronation.

THURSDAY MORNING

Clouds overspread the sky, but all was joyful within as Pastor Kenneth Houser of Lewis Ave. Baptist of Toledo led the singing, with Hall Dautel at the organ. After a time of testimony, Pastor John Strong of Painesville, the leader of our Youth Department, gave some Patmos Previews. Actually they were postviews of the fine work done last summer. There was some discussion as to whether we should have paid counsellors and raise the price a couple dollars, or whether we should also lengthen the time to a full week and raise the price to \$19 or \$20. No conclusion was reached, and so we will continue as before, unless there is public demand for a change. There are good arguments for either course. If we did secure paid counsellors, it would be better to hold a seven day camp, but the cost would keep some from coming, and there would be some difficulty to get kitchen help that would be willing to work seven days a week for eight weeks.

A plea was made for the churches to do more to hasten the day when we can build the Finley Memorial Chapel. We need it for this coming season, but we cannot hope to have it unless many large gifts come in from now until March 31st. It would take a couple months to build the chapel at the least, so quick action is necessary or we will have to wait for another year.

The officers of the Home and Camp are Allan E. Lewis, chairman; Verne L. Dunham, vice chairman; Howard G. Young, secretary; Elton C. Hukill, treasurer; Donald H. Beightol, superintendent of grounds. The trustees met and appointed three committees: one to look into the possibilities of buying more land at Camp Patmos, another to begin making plans for Finley Memorial Chapel, and a third to investigate a property that might be available for a Home for the Aged.

While the trustees were meeting, Pastor Ronald Globig of North Madison led in a time of prayer, after which Pastor William Brock of Emmanuel in Columbus gave the Expository Message. His sermon on Promises To Live By will appear in the December issue.

THURSDAY AFTERNOON

George O'Keefe was song leader and Jack Payne at the organ. Specials were furnished by Cedarville College; a vocal duet by Karen Fay and Grace Willetts, a solo by Vernon Weber, and a solo by Grace Willetts. These numbers were all much appreciated. After a fine sermon by Pastor Elliott Horton of Parma on "Sins of The Spirit," the Educational Hour began, with Dr. Paul R. Jackson representing Baptist Bible Seminary of Johnson City, N.Y., and Rev. James T. Jeremiah representing our own Cedarville College. Both men emphasized the need of spiritual and Bible-true training. Pres. Jeremiah went so far as to say that if a Christian school is not spiritual, it had better close its doors. Rev. E. A. Lockerbie was introduced as the new field representative of Cedarville.

THE CLOSING SESSION

Thursday evening the editor could only stay long enough to hear the combined choirs of the host church, and it was so good it was hard to leave. We hope to print the closing message by Pastor Robert Gilbert of Erie later and so will be able to enjoy what we missed. On our way home we could only sigh and say, "It has been a good week!" God has given us another good year and we believe an even better one is ahead.

ANNUAL YOUTH RALLY

NOV. 29th

This is more of a reminder than a news item, for all the churches have received full particulars concerning the Thanksgiving holiday rally that will be held at the Cedar Hill Baptist Church of Cleveland Friday afternoon and evening, Nov. 29th. The headliner for the occasion is Dr. Carl M. Sweasy, president of the Los Angeles Baptist Theological Seminary. He is no stranger in our state, having once been a pastor in the southern part of the state, and our impression is that this is his native state. He has held many revival campaigns also, previous to his call to the presidency of the seminary in Los Angeles.

There will be rousing song services, such as only a youth rally can supply, special music, a "Do-It-Yourself-Time," and the showing of Patmos Pictures. And of course, the banquet at 5 P.M. is always a great time of fellowship enjoyed by the young people, and the youth workers and pastors that attend.

Will your church be represented at the rally? Help us go over the 400 mark this year!

AMERICAN COUNCIL FALL RALLY

The Ohio American Council of Christian Churches held their fall rally Sept. 30th and Oct. 1st., at the Emmanuel Baptist Church of Toledo. The messages were well worth the attendance of pastors and laymen from all over the state, and those that came were blessed. Rev. Raymond Hamilton of the Belden Avenue Baptist Church in Chicago spoke three times: Monday night on "Discerning the Times," and Tuesday afternoon and evening on "Mass Evangelism" and "The Big Lie." The latter had its modern color from the lies of Communism, but was a study of the Great Delusion that will sweep the world during the time of the Anti-Christ. Other messages were brought by Rev. Llewellyn Thompson of our own association, Rev. Paul M. Cell, pastor of a Baptist church in Willowick, Ohio, and by Rev. Harland J. O'Dell, pastor of a Bible church in Canton, and one of the outstanding leaders of the American Council. It was he who brought over the Refugee Clergyman from Europe and piloted them around

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The missionary zeal of our workers is opening many doors for witnessing to Jews concerning their Messiah Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ.

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OUR FELLOWSHIP PAGE WHAT OUR CHURCHES ARE DOING

CEDAR HILL BAPTIST, CLEVELAND HEIGHTS

Rev. and Mrs. John Balyo have been given an expense paid leave of seven or eight weeks to visit certain mission fields in Africa where missionaries supported by the church are located. They will visit French Equatorial African Mid-Missions stations, and other stations in Nigeria, Ghana, and Belgian Congo. Enroute, they will stop in Belgium, France, and Italy. They are planning to leave Nov. 13th and return about Jan. 10th.

This is wonderful news, and we are holding their picture for a time when we can publish some of their letters or articles about their trip.

TEMPLE BAPTIST, ERIE

Pastor Robert L. Gilbert is spending two weeks as evangelist for the Berean Baptist Church of Adrian, Mich., where Rev. H. D. Halsey is pastor. The meetings began Oct. 27th and will close Nov. 10th.

FIRST BAPTIST, MEDINA

The Medina church has just closed their sixth annual missionary conference. William Strong, missionary under the Sudan Interior Mission, led in the morning worship Oct. 27th. In the afternoon a missionary rally was held with all the missionaries on the platform in native costume. In the evening Dan Feryance, Mid-Mission worker in France, showed pictures and Florence Hagen of the Cleveland Hebrew Mission spoke. Monday morning was taken up with prayer, in the afternoon Wm. Strong gave a Missionary Human Interest message and Rev. Adam Galt of Spencer gave a Bible message. After a fellowship supper, Edw. Zouck, Evangelical Baptist Missions worker in West Africa, showed pictures, and Dan Feryance preached. Tuesday's schedule was the same, but William Davidson, Wycliffe Translators worker in Mexico, gave the Human Interest message, Jaymes Morgan, ABWE worker in Japan, showed pictures, and William Davidson closed the day with a missionary message. Wednesday Edw. Zouck, gave the human interest message, William Davidson the pictures, and Jaymes Morgan the closing message.



FIRST BAPTIST, GALION

The First Church and their pastor, Wilfred Booth, deserve thanks for the fine number of subscriptions that were brought to the annual meeting at Elyria—17 renewals and 12 new ones! They are also to be congratulated on the number of students that are in training for Christian service. Five of those appearing in the picture with Pastor and Mrs. Booth are from the local church. From left to right they are, Kenneth Durt-sche, Aneta Durt-sche, Marcine Edwards, Shirley Boocks, Elaine Booth and Maralyn Furman of Oneonta, N.Y. This picture was taken in September on the Ohio Turnpike, when they were enroute to Baptist Bible Seminary in New York state. They have another young lady, Sandra Mollecopf, who is attending Fort Wayne Bible Institute.

LEWIS AVE BAPTIST, TOLEDO

Robert L. Sumner, dynamic young evangelist of The Sword of the Lord, is holding eight days of revival, Nov. 3 to 10. We are sure

God will bless in this fine church, even as Bro. Sumner has been blessed elsewhere.

TEMPLE BAPTIST, PORTSMOUTH

Pastor Hall Dautell has been asked to be the convention organizer at the Sixteenth Annual Convention of the American Council of Christian Churches Oct. 30-Nov. 1, at the Bible Presbyterian Church, Collingswood, N.J.

FIRST BAPTIST, WAUSEON

Revival meetings began Oct. 28th with Buell H. Kazee of Lexington, Ky., as evangelist, and will continue through Nov. 8th. Evangelist Kazee was for seven years a college teacher, before he began his evangelistic ministry.

FOSTORIA BAPTIST

Pastor Ralph T. Nordlund preached his farewell sermon Oct. 27th. Missionary Walter Craymer, ABWE worker in Chile, preached in the morning. Monday evening, Oct. 28th, a week of evangelism began with Rev. Melvin V. Efaw of Huntington, W. Va., as the evangelist. God is already blessing.

BROOKSIDE BAPTIST, CLEVELAND

God gave the church a wonderful revival under the preaching of Robert L. Sumner, Oct. 6 to 13. There were fifteen conversions, thirteen who were led to take a forward step in their Christian life in Baptism and membership. Three came in by letter and three came for definite dedication of life.

BIBLE BAPTIST, BEDFORD

Seven were baptized into the fellowship of the church Oct. 6th, and two couples taken in by letter.

Pastor and Mrs. Edw. Morrell, Danny and Grace, went to Philadelphia after the morning service Oct. 27th, where Brother Morrell was asked to represent Baptist Mid-Missions at the meeting of the Exe. Committee of the Associated Missions of the International Council. While there they also plan to attend the rally of the American Council to be held in the Bible Presbyterian Church of Collingswood, N.J. Rev. Robert L. Ryerse preached for Pastor Morrell in his absence.

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AVON OBSERVES 140TH ANNIVERSARY

The Avon Baptist Church observed its one hundred and fortieth birthday anniversary on Friday evening, October 4, 1957, with a large banquet, chicken dinner, family style, served by a nearby catering concern, for the present and past members and friends of the church. Pastor and Mrs. Verne Dunham, Lorain, were guests of honor.

At the close of the banquet, special recognition was given to two active members of the church. Mr. Thomas Russell, who is now over eighty years in age, was given a beautiful and appropriate wall plax in recognition for being the oldest active member in terms of years in age. The Sunday school superintendent gave special recognition to Mrs. Jessie Hudson for her many years, over thirty-five, of active and continuous Sunday school teaching of children in the Avon Baptist Church; presented to her, on behalf of the church, a wall plax reading, "A Word Fitly Spoken Is Like Apples of Gold in Pictures of Silver," and, from the present Sunday school staff, symbolizing their deep, sincere affection, and warm personal regard, a beautiful orchid corsage.

Following the banquet, a special anniversary service was conducted in the church auditorium at 8:00 in the evening. Pastor Dunham read appropriate Scripture portions from II Chronicles 7:12-22 and Hebrews 11:1-6; led the congregation in the prayer of thanksgiving for past blessings and accomplishments, for the present membership, and petition for God's continual blessing upon the church and its ministries. Special music was furnished from the church through a mixed quartet and a solo by Mrs. Homer Graven. A high point in the service came with the burning of the old bonds from a previous remodeling project of three and one-half years ago which had been completely liquidated on the previous Sunday, September 29; the immediate initiation of a new building fund for much needed future expansion; and the receiving of the first official building fund offering. The anniversary message was given by the Pastor, Rev. Homer E. Graven, on the subject, "The Past, Present, and Future."

Following the anniversary activities, special services were conducted from Monday through Sunday, October 7 through 13 ex-



cept Saturday, in commemoration of the early formation of the church one hundred and forty years ago. Nearby, local, Baptist Pastors were invited to speak one night each. Rev. Verne Dunham, Rev. Allan Lewis, Rev. Earl Willets, Rev. Robert Reynhout, and Rev. Edward Spencer were the weeknight speakers in the given order.

On Sunday, October 13, the festive activities were climaxed with the ministry of Dr. Arthur F. Williams, Dean of Cedarville Baptist College, Cedarville, Ohio.

The anniversary was cause for much rejoicing among God's people, and the services were a spiritual blessing in drawing the hearts of believers into a closer communion with the Lord Jesus Christ.

Service Opportunities at Western

Eight of the young men enrolled in the Pastor's Course at Western Baptist Bible College are already pastoring churches on a part time basis or in two cases on a full time basis. These are Stanley Brown, Robert Chmelka, Herbert Hoover,

James Johnson, Dean Moore, Al Rutledge, Robert Whatley and Ray Woodall.

Rev. Robert C. Johnson, who has been serving for some years as Western Regional Counselor with the Fellowship of Baptists for Home Missions is now serving on a part time basis as Director of Christian Service. Since taking this position at the Bible College at the beginning of the fall semester, Mr. Johnson has instituted a number of improvements in the procedure for reporting on assignments and for evaluating the work of the students in their varied Christian Service duties.

The Annual Choir Tour which is conducted during the Easter vacation will take this group into Idaho and Washington. The group will travel by chartered bus and will be under the direction of Richard Caulkins who conducted the Choir on their successful tour last spring.

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Our total enrollment for the first semester, 1957-58, is 368 with a number of applications for the second semester being processed presently. Our registration this semester is comparable to that of one year ago.

At the recommendation of the Trustees, the night school sponsored by the Seminary has been replaced by regular credit courses which parallel those taught regularly. Three courses have been scheduled for the fall semester including Elemental Theology, Christian Education of Youth, and American Literature. These courses will be taught simultaneously so that only one course may be taken per semester. Course requirement will be the same as classes taken during the day, and the cost will be \$9.00 per hour. This will afford Seminary wives and area residents the opportunity of study on the college level with full academic credit.

Due to the expanding ministry of the school, there is need for careful planning for the future. In view of the anticipated growth in the next few years, the Board of Trustees has voted to get plans under way for a new building on the property which is occupied presently by Ridley Hall. It is the hope of the Board to have construction begin within 2 years. The structure will have additional classrooms, offices, library facilities and dormitory space. We covet the prayers of the Lord's people in this another venture in faith.

The new recreation area has been completed, and the students are enjoying the volley ball and shuffleboard facilities. A practice court for basketball is also being installed. A student athletic committee has been formed to plan and organize formal and informal recreational activity. An intramural touch football program is underway on Saturday afternoons. It is expected that next year we will be able to field a team for collegiate competition.

Basketball continues to be the center of our athletic program. The varsity squad is practicing regularly and shows promise of being the best team in the history of

B.B.S. The newly formed North Atlantic Christian Conference (NACC) will provide lively intercollegiate competition. Schools included in the conference are: Gordon College, Shelton College, Philadelphia Bible Institute, Providence-Barrington Bible College, Nyack Missionary College and Baptist Bible Seminary.

The girls also are participating in the athletic program at the school. Intramural basketball, badminton, and deck tennis are among the indoor sports scheduled for the winter. Fall hikes in the area were well-liked by some who were free on Saturdays.

Students are participating and leading in student prayer groups which include some individuals from off the campus. A few Bible study groups have been initiated in the dormitories in addition to the regular weekly dorm prayer meetings. We thank the Lord for the evidence of deep interest in things spiritual in the lives of the students.

Another addition has been made to the Seminary in the person of Rev. Charles P. Benedict. Mr. Benedict served for nearly 5 years as the pastor of the Baptist Church of Danbury, Connecticut. He has accepted the position of Assistant to the President. Mr. Benedict received his Th.B. from Shelton College. This is a new office at the school created to help relieve the President of many of the burdens and responsibilities which he has been shouldering.

The Board of Trustees of Baptist Bible Seminary in Johnson City, New York, recently authorized the drawing of plans for a new building to provide additional facilities. The decision called for the beginning of construction within the next two years.

The Trustees have also announced the receipt of a substantial gift from the estate of Rev. Raymond Ridley of Buffalo, for many years a Trustee of the Seminary. This gift of approximately \$44,000 has been set aside by the Trustees as the initial part of the fund for the new building. The need for further expansion has been evident for some time and the Trustees and Administration are now convinced, through many tokens of the Lord's approval, that it is now time to lay specific plans to "arise and build."

Every effort is being made at Johnson City, with the Lord's help, to provide a faculty and the necessary physical equipment that will enable the Bible-believing Baptists of America to look to this school as a thoroughly desirable training center for the leaders of tomorrow. The Word of God continues to be central in the curriculum and the urgent need of a world without Christ is kept as a challenge before the faculty and students alike.

The school urgently requests the prayers of God's people as another school year has opened. There has never been a finer spirit within the faculty and the student body than is apparent this fall.

CHILDREN'S GOSPEL HOUR ON T-V

Henry C. Geiger writes that his series of T-V Gospel Hour programs are now running for 13 weeks over channel 5, WEWS, Cleveland at 10 A.M., Saturdays. It is also on channel 9, WCPO TV from Cincinnati at 8 A.M., Saturday. They will run until the end of the year or mid-January. The children in our churches will enjoy these programs, and it will even give them an opportunity to be missionaries and invite in friends to enjoy them.

His T-V programs are now going out over 17 stations in the U.S.A., and his radio programs continue over several Ohio stations. He asks for our prayers, and we might add that he needs increased gifts to make these programs pos-

sible. As we all know, T-V is much more expensive than radio, and these programs are all supplied free to the stations, and so are also shown free. This means that Brother Geiger has to stand all the expense of production, and of distribution, but does not have to pay for the time.

With three fourths of the T-V programs worldly and even sinful, what a need there is for more Christian messages to counteract the evil. The Geigers are now working on four new programs.

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Although unmoved by the show of tears, Michele listened respectfully as the priest further said, "You know that protestants are children of the devil. Why don't you leave that heresy and return to the Mother Church?"

Michele replied, "But I have the testimony of the Holy Spirit in me that I now have the truth and that I'm saved."

"Well bless you," said the priest sarcastically, "not even all the saints of the church have had that!"

Seeing that he was getting nowhere with Michele, the priest appealed to his mother. She answered that she was perfectly willing to let her son choose his own way.

So ended one of the first attempts of the devil to dissuade our first convert in Salerno. Michele is a tall, clean-cut boy of fifteen years. Being the son of a lawyer he loved to read books. The life of John Wesley captured his interest and fitted in with his present mood of dissatisfaction with his church. So it was he came to me for help.

In our first discussion together, I carefully explained to him the plan of salvation and asked, "Have you ever asked Christ to be your Saviour?"

"Oh yes, many times," he said.

After seeking from the Bible to explain the difference between just asking Christ to save you and real faith in Him, he left my office; and I felt as though I had failed. How sometimes we doubt the power of the Holy Spirit and the Word of God.

He came back again a few days later with Rosario, a friend who is president of the local chapter of Catholic Action and who has a brother who is a priest.

This time was spent mostly in answering Rosario's many questions and gaining in him a confidence in the Bible. The next time he and Michele came, I again scripturally presented to him what he must do to be saved. I asked, "Rosario, are you willing to get on your knees right now and ask Christ to be your Saviour and while you are praying really have faith that He will hear and answer your prayer?"

"Yes," he seriously replied.

All three of us knelt and Rosario prayed. For awhile after he seemed to have the assurance of his salvation, but since then he has reaccepted the Catholic teachings and has no faith in Christ. I was disappointed and thought I had failed the Lord again.

A week or so later Michele was in my study and I asked, "Michele,

can you yet definitely tell me when it was you placed your faith in Christ?"

"Yes," he said.

"Good! When?"

"Why right here in your study. When you, Rosario and I were on our knees, I silently asked Christ in faith to be my Saviour."

"Well, PRAISE THE LORD!" was all that my joy allowed me to say.

Michele has been attending the Bible studies in our home that started the first of October. Word can never express how we trembled that first Sunday evening. It was our first such effort all alone and I wondered how I would ever get through that sermon in Italian. But the Lord blessed, and our attendance has grown a little each meeting. Of the many personal invitations we extended only five came out the first night. The next Sunday, seven; and last Sunday, there were ten. How we pray that from this start there will come many converts to Christ and a local Baptist Church in Salerno.

Our permission to remain in Italy expires the end of December when we must ask for a renewal. It is becoming increasingly difficult to obtain renewals. Your concerted prayers will be appreciated.

RUTH HEGE WRITES FROM BELGIUM

Greetings in Jesus' precious Name! He is supplying every need, even as He has promised to do.

I have just spent five days in bed with the Asiatic flu. God has been so faithful through it all. All have been so kind, and I have lacked nothing that love could provide. I am up for the first time today (Oct. 14th), but still confined to my room, so have a little extra time for letter writing.

In just a month from today I hope to be on my way to Congo, the Lord willing. Rev. and Mrs. Balyo from the Cedar Hill Baptist Church will be passing through

Brussels by plane on their way to Congo and French Equatorial Africa; and I expect to join them. Rev. Balyo will be bringing the devotional messages at our Missionary Conference in Kikwit. The Fetzers passed through here on Oct. 3rd. They are now visiting

our Congo stations, after which we hope to meet in conference to decide certain problems which have to do with our relationship to the government and its educational program. Please pray with us that we may have the mind of Christ.

It seems that the enemy of souls would have us so occupied with meeting government requirements that there would be little time left for evangelization. Surely God has an answer, and we look to Him for direction and unity.

May His grace and peace be your daily portion,

Lovingly in Him,
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(Editor's Note: A new picture of Chaplain Waite appears in this issue, taken upon the occasion of a promotion he recently received.)

XII. OKINAWA BOUND

On October 21, I left my wife, three boys, and little girl, at 2865 NW 164th Street, Opa Locka, Florida, bound for Headquarters Company, 9th Marines, 3rd Marine Division, Fleet Marine Force, in Okinawa.

Duration of Duty. I will be with the 3rd Marine Division for 12 months counting from when I arrive in Okinawa, or from about 1 November 1957 to 1 November 1958 unless an emergency should arise. Navy Chaplains serving with the marines rotate each 12 months, however regular marines rotate each 14 months in Okinawa.

The 3rd Marine Division. The "3rd MarDiv," as it is called, was

officially activated 16 September 1942, during World War II in the campaigns for Bougainville, Guam, and Iwo Jima, and has spent almost all of its life on foreign duty. The Division was recalled to duty during the last days of the Korean conflict in 7 January 1952. In July, 1955, elements of the Division began moving to Okinawa. There are eight camps in Okinawa for Division personnel: Camp Courtney, Sukiran, Camp McTureous, White Beach, Camp Hansen, North Camp, and Camp Schwab. The Marine Division is broken into regiments, the regiments into battalions, and the battalions into companies.

Okinawa. Okinawa is an island only 67 miles long and from 3 to 12 miles wide. It is situated a few hundred miles south of Japan and not too far east of Red China and Formosa. It is populated by about 600,000 Ryukyans who are no larger than young American teenagers. Okinawa is one of 108 islands making up the Ryukyu Islands group. The climate is similar to that of Miami only with many more typhoons such as occurred in September with a resultant damage cost of about \$10,000,000.

The Battle of Okinawa. The battle of Okinawa, which began around Easter in 1945, was the last and fiercest of the Pacific Campaigns of World War II. Nearly 13,000 Americans were killed

in the bloody 90-day battle. Though the Japanese soldiers gave little resistance at the beaches, the troops met with fierce resistance as they moved inland since the enemy had been building and strengthening their defenses on Okinawa for a year preceding. Today, Okinawa is a vital military base where American forces of the Army, Navy, Air Force, and Marines are stationed and accomplishing an important mission.

Okinawan Religion. Taoism, introduced through the Chinese, is practiced widely on this island. This religion teaches that, after seven generations, ancestors become divine, therefore, the ancestor must be honored and humored. Buddhism from India and China and Shintoism from Japan are not too important in the island at present, though they once were significant religions to the Okinawan. About 5,000 Okinawans profess either Catholic or Protestant faith, but of course, no one knows how many of these professed Christians are genuine believers.

The Chaplain's Mission. There are about 30 to 35 Navy Chaplains serving with the 3rd Marine Division at present. Of the 30 Chaplains for which data are available, here is the denominational breakdown: 9 Baptists; 6 Catholics; 3 Methodists; 3 Presbyterians; 2 Episcopalians; 2 Lutherans; 2 Disciple of Christ; 1 Evangelical United Brethren; 1 Seventh Day Adventist; and 1 Jewish. I do not know the exact nature of my work as yet, but I wonder if there will be as high a percentage of Marines who care nothing about God or Jesus Christ as I have noted at the Marine Corps Air Station in Miami? But, "How shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent?" (Romans 10:14-15) Our job is to sow the Seed of Christ, and may God give the increase.

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the country—a service that entailed months of hard work.

It is our conviction that more of our pastors and churches should take an interest in the work of the American and International councils. We well know how busy all are, and how difficult it is to spare time for these interdenominational meetings. Most of our churches have declared themselves in fellowship with these two fundamental organizations that are battling for the preservation of the historic Christian faith and for a free America. Yet there is a distinct danger that the state meetings will go the way of the district rallies that used to be held, unless more of an interest is taken.

FELLOWSHIP PAGE

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Another recent speaker was Miss Eloise Gossner, who has been accepted by Baptist Mid-Missions to labor in Slem, Ky.

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The church has asked us to publicize the following item:

"The membership of the Penn Ave. Baptist Church of Sharon, Pa., voted on August 11th, 1957 to revoke the Baptist ordination of Rev. Allen M. Cherry." It was signed by deacons, Robert J. Robertson, Roy Stubrich, and James R. Nehlen.

A new pastor has been called from Madison, W. Va., who will begin his work about December first. His name is Rev. Tom Wright.

FIRST BAPTIST, SPENCER

Rev. Fred Alexander of Ashland is holding meetings for the First Church, Nov. 3 to 17. A fine musical program has been arranged also. The Spencer and Ashland churches are having a Bible school attendance contest for November.

Pastor Galt was Bible Teacher at the Global Missionary Conference at Medina Oct. 27-30. Rev. and Mrs. Galt are now grandparents, their son Carl, and Jean Galt of Elyria having been blessed with a daughter.

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BOOK REVIEWS

The Inspiration and Canonicity of the Bible by R. L. Harris; 304 pages; Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan; \$4.50.

This is an erudite and thorough discussion of the pivotal theological problems of canonicity and inspiration. The work is characterized by scholarly and sane judgment throughout. It is one of those very few books which deserves a careful reading by every

Christian who desires to have a full-orbed understanding of these most vital points of doctrine. The treatment of canonicity has elements which, to the reviewer's knowledge, have never appeared in print before. This book will probably become the modern classic in its field.

The Improved Funeral Manual by William H. Leach; 224 pages; Baker Book House, Grand Rapids, Michigan; \$2.00.

This manual contains instructions on professional conduct at funerals, the historic funeral liturgies of three liturgically-minded denominations, and other points of information germane to the conducting of funeral services. It is seriously lacking in evangelical tone.

The Fellowship of the Gospel by Frank Colquhoun; 60 pages; Zondervan Publishing House, Grand Rapids, Michigan; \$.60.

The subtitle of this booklet is A New Testament Study in the Principles of Christian Co-operation. The foreword is written by Billy Graham. This book has much of worth to say on the matter of fellowship and separation in matters of evangelism. However, the author fails to apply his conclusions to the present day scene and as a result the reader is left in the dark as to just what the author really means. The treatment of separation from teachers of false doctrine is particularly sketchy and effete.

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DENIALS OF PERSECUTION IN COLOMBIA EXAMINED

The question of what constitutes religious persecution was answered yesterday by a spokesman for Colombian Protestants. Dr. Clyde W. Taylor, Secretary of Public Affairs of the National Association of Evangelicals, made the statement in a 3 p.m. address at the First Presbyterian Church of Tacoma, Washington.

"The last few months have witnessed a rash of denials by the Roman Catholic press that Protestants have been persecuted in Colombia during the last eight years," Dr. Taylor said. He added that the statements "have not only confused many Catholics, but also arouse many questions in the minds of Protestants."

Taylor said that since the violent change of government in Colombia last May "articles began to appear with greater frequency in the Roman Catholic press in America denying religious persecution in Colombia."

"The first widely publicized ar-

ticle was printed in *View Magazine* of the Capuchin Fathers in New York in June. This in turn was reprinted in the press throughout Latin America, in the English Catholic press, and in *La Prensa* (a Spanish daily printed in New York City), apparently as the hierarchy's official denial of charges of Roman Catholic persecution of Colombian Protestants.

"This *View* article dismisses persecution as nothing but a local brawl between Evangelicals and Catholics. The Evangelical Confederation of Colombia has actually documented over 700 cases of violence where Protestants suffered. It is true that these were all local affairs. There was no co-ordinated effort across Colombia in one day or one month to wipe out Protestants. But during this period 49 Protestant churches were totally or partially destroyed, 34 others confiscated (many of these are now serving as schools, offices of mayors, police and military barracks and have not been returned to Protestants.) In an overwhelming number of cases mobs and attacks were either personally or indirectly led by local Roman Catholic priests.

"This brings us to ask, 'What is persecution?' In the summer of 1956 while in Colombia, we were informed by Father Ospina of the Javariana University, official mouthpiece of the hierarchy there, that persecution does not exist in Colombia—although he acknowledged religious violence, churches burned, people killed and that many had suffered. 'But,' he said,

'there can be no persecution unless the Church orders persecution.' We prefer to use Webster's definition that 'to cause to suffer because of religious belief' is persecution. That's exactly what has gone on in Colombia for nine years, with scores suffering death.

"This illustrates that Roman Catholicism admits no persecution unless the Church orders it. You can destroy 49 churches, confiscate 39 more, murder 89 church leaders, frequently on orders of local clergy, and yet this is not persecution! The fact that a hundred thousand Colombians have been killed in the political disturbances since 1947 provides no justification of the fact that evangelical churches have been burned and confiscated and believers murdered because they were preaching the Gospel or possessed a New Testament."

Dr. Taylor applauded a recent statement in *El Tiempo* (newspaper which was closed under the Rojas regime and allowed to open under the new government):

"Freedom of religion is not a gracious concession of the mayor or a donation of the authorities, but a right made sacred by the national Constitution. It is the subject matter of an international commitment, since it forms part of the Charter of Human Rights, which has been signed by Colombia, even though it has not always been observed. The violations of freedom of religion are no more to be excused that the abuse of the other rights of mankind, such as freedom of speech, freedom of assembly, freedom to travel, or freedom of political views. But in communities where a specific religion is greatly in the majority there is a tendency to minimize the importance of guaranteeing the rights of minorities, which, the smaller they may be, the more they are exposed to suffering oppression. . . ."

Finally, Dr. Taylor congratulated the new government of Colombia on steps "to guarantee personal and national freedom and to restore Colombia to the international respect it deserves."

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